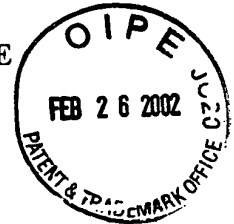


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RECEPTORS, AND FIBROMODULIN, AND POLYNUCLEOTIDES
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as set forth below and consider the following remarks:

In the Specification:

Please insert the sequence listing pages 1-70 at the end of the specification.

REMARKS

In response to the October 31, 2001 Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures, Applicants submit herewith an initial computer readable form (CRF) copy of the "Sequence Listing"; an initial paper copy of the "Sequence Listing"; and a statement that the content of the paper and computer readable copies are the same and include no new matter, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825. The specification has been amended to insert the sequence listing. No new matter has been added.

Applicants submit herewith a Petition for a two-month extension of time and the required fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or



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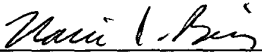
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credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Attorney Reference No. 15966-585CIP2 (Cura-85CIP2). Should any questions or issues arise concerning this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

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